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RESOURCE CENTER

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Adult Planning Grantees
Second Chance Act Grantee Conference



Reentry Collaborations

Purpose: Improve Reentry Outcomes

– Comprehensive Planning

- *Identify Resources*
- *Leverage Resources*
- *Fill Gaps*
- *Overcome Barriers*



Reentry Collaborations

Characteristics of Target Population:

Who is going where? *When?*

- Risks of Future Criminal Behavior
- Needs: Criminogenic
 - *Mental Illness*
 - *Substance Use Disorders*
 - *Criminal Personality, Attitudes, Thinking, Beliefs*
 - *Employability*
 - *Pro-Social Support*
- Geographic distribution



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Characteristics of Local Partners

Who provides what?

- Identify the current, available assets.
 - Publicly funded agencies
 - *Mental Health Boards*
 - *Continuums of Care/Homelessness Alliances*
 - *Community Action Agencies*
 - *Workforce Development/Investment Boards*
 - *Public Health Clinics/Public Health Insurance*
 - *Supervision authority (probation, parole)*



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Characteristics of Local Partners

Who provides what?

- Identify the current, available assets.
 - Nonprofit service organizations
 - Opinion Leaders and Constituent Groups



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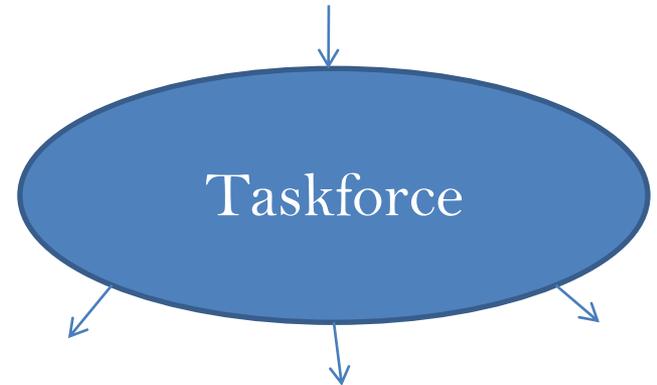
Assemble your Reentry Taskforce

- Match the needs of your target population to the partners that have services and supports.
- Create a structure for your local taskforce



Taskforce & Committees: Organizational Structure

Interested Stakeholders



*Housing
Committee*

*Assessment and
Classification
Committee*

*Health, Mental Health,
Substance Abuse
Committee*

*Data &
Performance
Measurement
Committee*

*Victims &
Survivors
Committee*

*Employment
& Education
Committee*

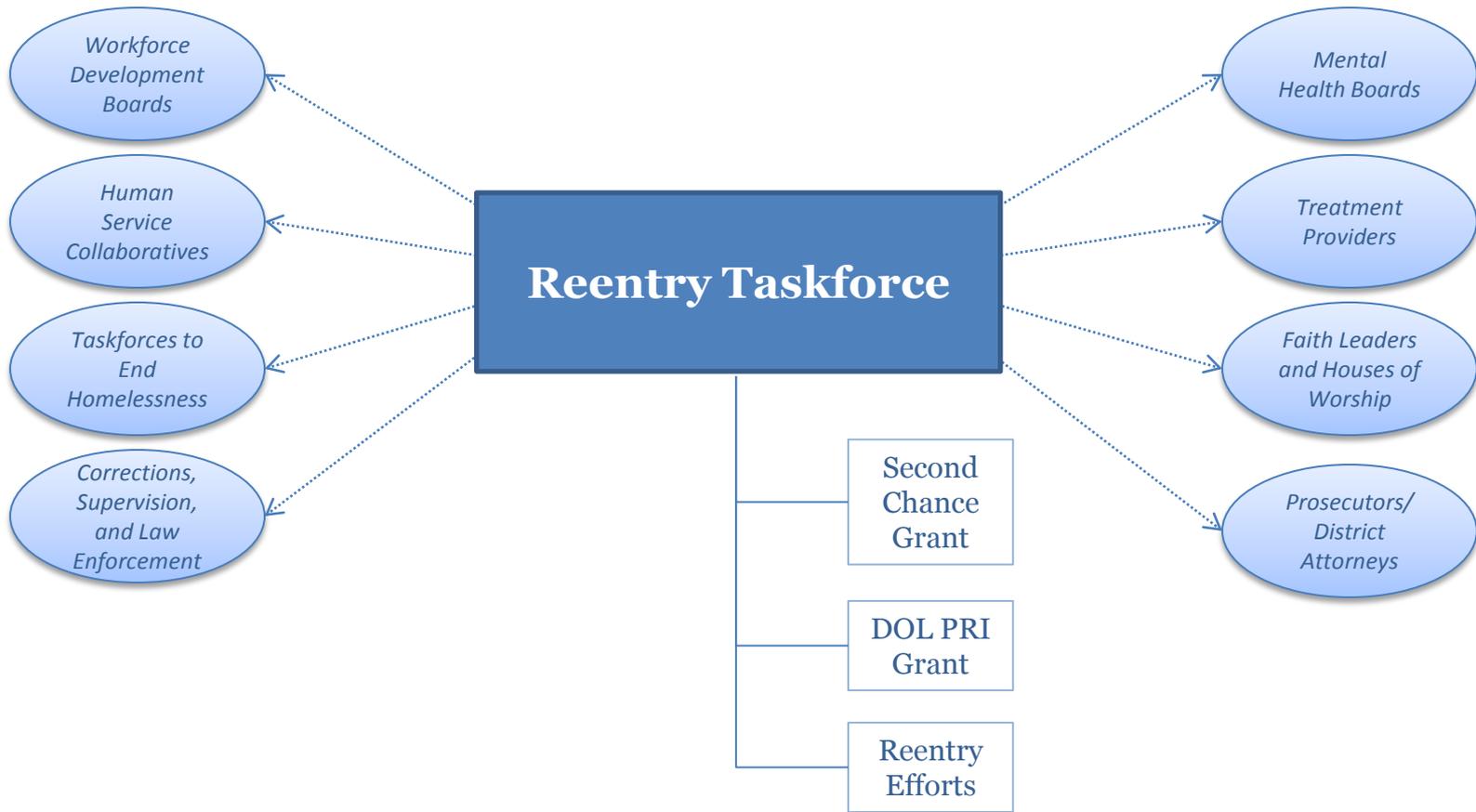
*Public
Education &
Outreach
Committee*

*Case Management &
Supervision Standards
Committee*

*Communities
& Families
Committee*



Local Governance Structure





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Local Organizational Structure

- Define the scope of work
- Recruit competent members from key organizations and agencies
- Designate a team leader



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Scope of Work

- What is within the authority of the team?
- Timeline for recommendations?



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Recruit competent members from key organizations and agencies

- Positional authority
- Knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Time



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Designate a team leader

- Authority & dedication to prepare, advance, and document the agenda
- Provide focus
- Other roles that may be helpful include a recorder and/or a neutral facilitator



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Assemble your Reentry Taskforce

- Charge the Team: Improve Reentry Outcomes



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Transparent Decision-Making Process

- Everyone knows how decisions will get made
- Decisions are documented



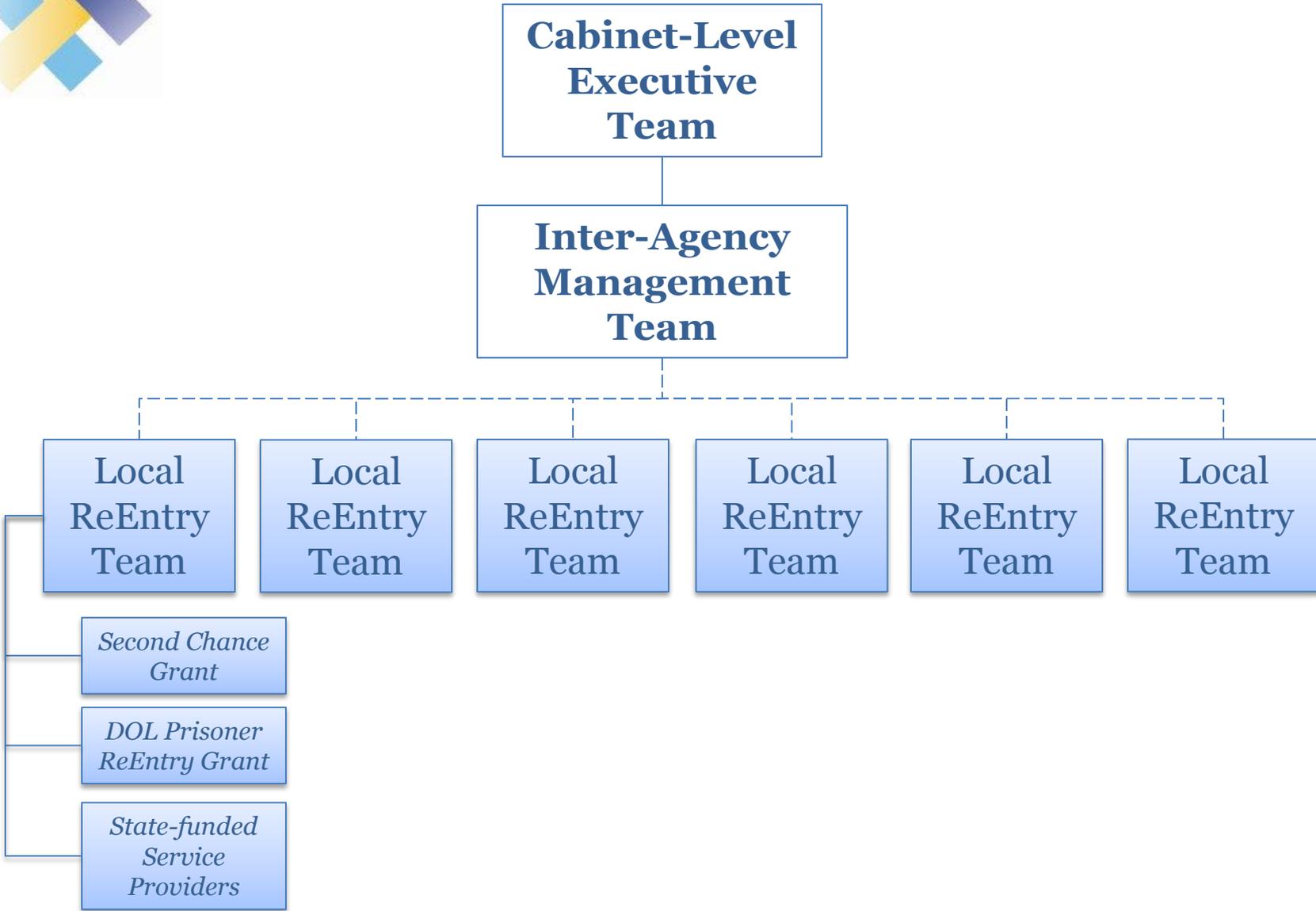
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Assemble your Reentry Taskforce

- Create an organizational structure linking state and local teams
 - Create a clear process for moving recommendations to a higher authority
 - www.collaborativejustice.org



Statewide Governance Structure





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Get to work!

- Focus on the target population & identify your community's
 - *Assets*
 - *Barriers*
 - *Gaps*
- Develop Plan to Leverage Assets, Overcome Barriers, and Fill Gaps



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Get to work!

- Link the decisions of the team to operations
 - *Contracts*
 - *Job Descriptions*
 - *Performance Reviews & Measures*
 - *Operating Procedures*
 - *Memoranda of Understanding (MOA), Letters of Agreement*
 - *Policies*
 - *Statute*
 - *Other committees' workplans*



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Track your progress

- Know what you have accomplished
- Link accomplishments to public education and outreach efforts.
- Use a variety of forums (community meetings, media, newsletters, websites) to communicate what you are trying to do and what you have done.
- **CELEBRATE!**



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